

State HAWAII

PAYMENT FOR RESERVING BEDS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Payments for reserving beds in skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities may be allowed if:

1. The recipient's plan of care provides for absences other than for hospitalization, and is approved by the recipient's attending physician;
2. Any single episode of bed-holding does not exceed a period of three consecutive days, unless prior approval request is submitted to the program, reviewed, and approved by its medical consultant;
3. A total number of bed-holding days per patient per calendar year does not exceed twelve days; and
4. A record is maintained in the recipient's medical charts which accounts for the number of days and specific dates that bed-holding was in effect for the year, subject to periodic review by the department's representatives.

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